

# **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 10th, 2024**

**9:00am**





## **OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** **"CONNECTING FAMILIES TO JESUS"**

**WELCOME** to this place of worship and prayer as we gather as part of the family of our heavenly Father. If you are visiting, please complete a yellow witness of worship card, placing it in the offering plate. As you leave the service introduce yourself to our pastor.

**OSLFAMILY.ORG** – Check out our website to find the current newsletter, sermon recordings, devotional links, congregational information and more.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers. There are also activity bags for preschool children.

**OUR 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE** is broadcast live each week on **WZNL 94.3 FM radio** and on our **YouTube Channel**.

**WE WELCOME YOU TO HOLY COMMUNION** All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are welcome at the communion table. Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Thanks for worshipping with us today!

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*Please remember the pre-service is a time when the veil descends separating us from the world. Silence prepares our hearts for worship.*

### **Pre-service Song:**

**“Love Has Come!”**

**Love has come- a light in the darkness!  
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
Hear how their song of joy arises; Love!  
Love!**

**Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love!  
Glory to God on high.**

**Love is born! Come share in the wonder;  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.**

**See the glow in the eyes of His mother;  
What is the name her heart is saying? Love!  
Love!**

**Love is the name she whispers; Love! Love!  
Jesus, Immanuel.**

**Love has come- He never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.**

**Love is Jesus within and among us;  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love!**

**Love is the gift of Christmas; Love! Love!  
Praise to You, God on high!**

**Welcome & Announcements**

## **\*Confession & Forgiveness**

[P] We gather together today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us confess our sin.

**[C] Lord God who makes all things new, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

[P] Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Songs of Praise & Worship**

### **“This Is Amazing Grace”**

(Jeremy Riddle | Josh Farro | Phil Wickham)

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy  
thunder  
Who leaves us breathless in awe and  
wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

### **CHORUS:**

**This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place**

**That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus I sing for... all that You've done  
for me**

**Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings**

### **CHORUS**

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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### **CHORUS**

## **Prayer**

**“Seek Ye First”  
(Karen Lafferty)**

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things  
Shall be added unto you  
Allelu alleluia  
Man shall not live by bread alone  
But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu alleluia  
Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto  
you  
Allelu alleluia**

## **God's Word Guide**

### **\*Gospel Song**

#### **“Sanctuary”**

(John Thompson & Randy Scruggs)

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.**

### **\*Proclamation of the Gospel**

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**[C] Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **\*Gospel Reading – John 3: 14-21**

[Jesus said:] <sup>14</sup>Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

**[C] Praise to you, O Christ.**

# **Meditation of the Word**

**Message**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Song**

**“Near the Cross”**

(words – Fanny Crosby, music – William Doane)

Jesus, keep me near the cross  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

**REFRAIN:**

In the cross, in the cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.  
Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.

**REFRAIN**

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadows o’er me.

**REFRAIN**

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.

**REFRAIN**

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

[P] Merciful Father,

**[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **\*Words of Institution**

Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said: "Drink you all of it. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

[P] The gifts of God for the people of God.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**



## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*(We practice open communion which means everyone is welcome at the table of the Lord. Please approach with your hands cradled left over right to accept the bread and then take a cup of red wine or white grape juice. There are baskets on each side of the church to receive empty cups.)*

### **Communion Songs**

#### **“Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”**

**(Rick Founds)**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.**

**I'm so glad you're in my life;  
I'm so glad you came to save us.**

#### **CHORUS:**

**You came from heaven to earth**

**To show the way,**

**From the earth to the cross**

**My debt to pay;**

**From the cross to the grave,**

**From the grave to the sky**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high.**

#### **REPEAT ALL**

#### **“The Power of the Cross”**

**(Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)**

**Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;**

**Christ on the road to Calvary.**

**Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then**

**Nailed to a cross of wood.**

#### **CHORUS:**

**This the power of the cross;**

**Christ became sin for us.**

**Took the blame, bore the wrath;**

**We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,**

**Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Every bitter thought, every evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.**

**CHORUS**

**Now the daylight flees;  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raise to life;  
“Finished!” the victory cry.**

**CHORUS**

**Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love!  
This the power of the cross;  
Son of God slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross.**

**\*Post Communion Prayer**

[P] Let us pray together:

[C] **O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us  
into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy,  
and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life,  
strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our  
neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you  
have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*Benediction**

## **\*Closing Song**

### **“To God Be the Glory”**

(Words – Fanny Crosby, Music – William Doane)

To God be the glory great things He hath  
done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His  
Son,  
Who yielded His Life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

#### **CHORUS:**

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus, the  
Son,  
And give Him the glory great things He hath  
done!  
O perfect redemption, the purchase of  
blood!

To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

#### **CHORUS**

Great things He hath taught us, great things  
He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the  
Son;  
But purer and higher and greater will be.  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we  
see.

#### **CHORUS TWICE**

## **\*Dismissal**

[P] Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Pastor Nicholas Hopman  
Praise Pianist – Karen McCorkle  
Praise Team – Jonathan Ringel

In Charge        Michelle Carlson

Ushers            Geoff White  
                      Caryl White

Acolytes         Jayda Marchetti  
                      Jaycie Marchetti

### **This Week at Our Saviour's**

**Sunday**        ***Fourth Sunday in Lent***  
                      9:00 Praise & Worship Communion Service  
                      10:15 Sunday School  
                      10:15 First Communion Class  
                      11:30 Youth Group  
                      6:00 First Communion Family Session

**Wednesday** 8:45 Sewing Bee  
                      1:00 Quilters of Grace  
                      5:30 Soup Supper  
                      6:30 Lenten Worship

**Saturday**     5:00 Communion Worship

**Sunday**        ***Fifth Sunday in Lent***  
                      9:00 Communion Worship  
                      11:30 Youth Group

**LENTEN WORSHIP** - Wednesdays at 6:30pm following Soup Supper. Pastor Hopman will be preaching on the parts of the Small Catechism which is an old Lutheran tradition during Lent.

**SOUP SUPPERS** begin at 5:30pm. We need 4-5 soup makers and 2 sandwich makers each week. To sign-up find the link on our website at [www.oslfamily.org](http://www.oslfamily.org) or scan the QR code. Otherwise just call the church office is you prefer. Our sign-ups for soups and sandwiches are almost full. We still need 3 more soup makers for March 20<sup>th</sup>!



**FELLOWSHIP OF THANKS & RECOGNITION** – Please join us for a special fellowship after service today in honor of Sandy Meier & Terri Shoquist for their generous volunteering in the Church Office

**BIBLE STUDY** with Pastor Nick will resume in April.

**FLOOD BUCKET DONATIONS** - Each week we will be collecting a different item to complete the buckets by the end of Lent. This week's item is Comet or scouring cleanser. For a complete list, please see your February Carillon. These buckets will be donated to the NALC Disaster Response.

**USHERS NEEDED** – Looking for a way to serve our church family? Why not consider ushering on a Sunday morning. We welcome singles, couples or families to fill this important ministry. If interested please call the church office.

**CHRISTIAN BIBLE CAMPS** – Campership deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** – all women are invited to join the Lydia Circle of ladies in the Gathering Room at 1:00pm on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for Bible Study, fellowship, prayer, dessert, and a short business meeting. We will begin our new study, Walking Together, Session I.

## Youth Activities

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins at 10:15am. All children from 4 years old – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join!

**YOUTH GROUP for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade** is Sundays at 11:30am. Please join us in the new Youth Room for food, games and a bible lesson!

**CONFIRMATION** – Join us for soup at 5:30 and then church at 6:30pm during Lent.

### **Bulletin Cover:**

Crucifixion

Wood

Weimar Altar Piece (Central Panel)

1555

Lucas Cranach the Elder (c.1472-1553) and

Lucas Cranach the Younger (1515-1586) (Wittenberg)

Stadtkirche, Sts. Peter and Paul

Weimar, Thuringia, Germany

The crucified Christ is in the center of the panel. His figure is repeated on the left side conquering an evil demon and death. In the background, a scene of the Expulsion from Eden reminds viewers of the presence of sin and the subsequent need for salvation. Immediately on the right of Christ, St John the Baptist points one of his fingers at the central figure and the index finger from his other hand to the Agnus Dei, the Lamb of God. Next to the Baptist stands Lucas Cranach the Elder (who painted this painting). A stream of blood from Christ's side flows directly upon his forehead, implying that no priest or saint is needed for intercession. On the far right, Luther points to a passage from his German translation of the Bible concerning Christ's redemptive blood, which frees all believers from sin. In the background, the Old Testament tale of Moses and the bronze serpent and the New Testament story of the Annunciation to the Shepherds are depicted as examples of God's grace.



## **Prayer Concerns**

**Members: Linda Westman, Everett Anderson, Carol Bates, Michael Weber, RoseAnne Aman, Lois Martonen, Geno Schinderle, Bev Wadke, Cherie Cerasoli, Ed (Steve) Simbob, Sally Yuds, Jesse Wolfgram, Rita Huglen, John Chiamulera, Jessica Battan, Andy & Susie Tyrcha**

**Sympathy to Patti Menza and Mike Patterson on the death of their brother, Richard Patterson.**

**Family Members: Anita & Bill Neuburg, Micah Lerman, Jonah Lerman, Erika Niebla, Tyler Hiller, Pastor Steve and Cindy Cowen, Derek Lindstrom, Kathy Walters, Laura VanKirk, Alyssa Tardy, Shelly Lantz, Frank Bergan, Lori Brown, Austin Meier, Therese, Justin Bouche, Kevin Nora, Jerry Christesen, Dan**

**Friends of Members: Joey Eaton, Gail Vornkahl, Kelly Bianco, Kevin Richtig, Jodi LaVarnway, John McCole, Heather Huntley, Jennifer Romano, Linda J., Amy Johnson Brackett, Debra Julian, James DeVet, Holt family, Mindy Valone, Julie Boyle, Michael Talerico, Don Conners, Matthew Everson, Xander, Gemma, Louise Witlock, Mary Carlson, Dale Race, Larry Clark, Todd, Brady, Kristi & family, Pam, Patty, Dr. Bill Asselin**

**Kijitonyama Lutheran Church, sister congregation, Tanzania**

**All those serving in the armed forces in the U.S. and overseas: Andrew Perla, Emily Boyd, Asher Boyd Neil Bradley, Claire Oberthaler, Max & Iris Robare Gaffey, Chris Carlson, Travis Smith, Zachariah Groskreutz, Connor Milbrath, Sam Carlson, Nick Schroeder**

***To add a name, please call the church office. Names stay on the list for one month unless requested. Please be sure that you have asked their permission.***